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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTELS WHICH REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WORKING CONDITIONS OF COAL MINERS IN AUSTRALIA.

2. EMBASSY IS FORWARDING THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS DIRECT TO FRANK SUBALUSKY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, GAO:

- A. REPORTS OF JOINT COAL BOARD (JCB) FY75 AND FY76
- B. REPORT OF NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES "PNEUMOCONIOSIS AND RESPIRATORY DISORDERS OF COAL MINE WORKERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA".
- C. ANNUAL REPORT, QUEENSLAND DEPT. OF MINES
- D. QUEENSLAND COAL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT
- E. QUEENSLAND COAL MINING ACT 1925-1974
- F. LETTER FROM MEDICAL OFFICER, QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WITH ITS ENCLOSED PAPER "PNEUMOCONIOSIS IN QUEENSLAND".
- G. REPORT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL "ATMOSPHERIC CONTAMINANTS".
- H. ANNUAL REPORT OF VICTORIAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR AND INDUSTRY.

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2. JCB POINTED OUT THAT FOLLOWING A REQUEST DATED APRIL 15, 1975, IT PROVIDED SAME INFORMATION TO DOROTHY STRUNK, MINORITY LEGISLATIVE CLERK OF HOUSE EDUCATION AND LABOR COMMITTEE. COPIES OF JCB'S ANNUAL REPORTS FOR FY75 AND FY76 UPDATE THE INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED MS. STRUNK. GAO MAY WISH TO CONTACT MS. STRUNK FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.

3. JCB ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GOA OBTAIN A COPY OF A REPORT
TITLED "MINERAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT" ISSUED IN 1976 BY THE
COMMITTEE ON MINERAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE U.S.
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